

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
January 19th, 2016

Members Present: Brian Abramson, Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Carmen Camacho, Dan Morales, Mel Tull

Members Absent: Dan Figueroa, David Fogel, Jeffrey Musselman, Amy Poisson

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.
- The December meeting summary was unanimously approved for the record.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Lt. Jennifer McNeal, Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Lt. McNeal reported that thefts from automobiles were down over the winter holidays, but have seen a recent resurgence. Incidents were reported in the Cameron St. and Ellsworth Dr. garages, as well as residential area thefts. Suspects were arrested and released.
- Lt. McNeal also reported that the police department has been tracking high-end bicycle thefts after a pattern of theft emerged from long-range data.
- In response to committee questions, Lt. McNeal noted that there will be an upcoming community meeting regarding the Holiday Inn Express and illegal activity.

Update on Marquee Promotional Events (Thanksgiving Parade, Jazz Festival, Summer Concert Series, and TTWFFV)

Reemberto Rodriguez, SSRC and Susan Hoffman, MCG Dep't of Recreation

- Ms. Susan Hoffman provided a historical and logistical overview of the array of downtown events that are put on in the Urban District in conjunction with the Department of Recreation.
- Ms. Hoffman and the committee discussed both the financial and logistical details of the annual Jazz Festival, and possible ways to expand the festivities.

White Oak Master Plan

Peter Fosselman, Planning Coordinator, Office of the County Executive

- Mr. Fosselman presented the current planned design for the White Oak science gateway redevelopments.
- The boundaries of the development are Columbia Pike, Cherry Hill Rd. and New Hampshire Ave.
- Multiple phases of development are planned, including a main FDA campus of over 130 acres bringing 9,000 new jobs to the area.
- Other areas planned for development include the new Washington Adventist Hospital and multiple area shopping center redevelopments including the Hillandale and White Oak shopping centers.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stops planned for the project include Stewart Ln. & Tech Rd./Industrial Ln.
- The committee voted unanimously to write a letter of support for the project.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Richard A. Bingham, Chief of Operations, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham reported on the success of the Red Shirt team staff luncheon on January 18th.
- Mr. Bingham discussed the recent Progress Place opening and logistical challenges related to parking, littering, smoking and loitering.
- Also discussed were plans for staff schedule changes and brick team work in the coming spring.
- Mr. Bingham has worked to continue to enhance communication with Washington Gas, Pepco and WSSC.

Regional Area Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- Mr. Rodriguez noted that the committee should discuss its budget priorities for the coming fiscal year in preparation for the February committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.